

# SENATE NO. 455

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STREET LIST

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section  
2 11 of chapter 384 of the acts of 2000, is hereby amended by striking out said section 4 and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

4 Section 4. (a) Registrars, assistant registrars, or boards having similar duties under any  
5 general or special law, except in the city of Boston, shall annually in January or  
6 February visit or communicate with the residents of each building in their respective  
7 cities and towns and, after diligent inquiry, shall make true lists containing, as nearly as  
8 they can ascertain, the name, date of birth, occupation, veteran status, nationality, if not  
9 a citizen of the United States, and residence on January 1 of the preceding year, and the  
10 current year, of each person residing in their respective cities and towns. Said lists and  
11 the information contained therein shall not be a matter of public record, provided  
12 however, that said lists shall, upon written request, be available for federal, state and  
13 local governmental use. A list of all persons under 21 years of age, inclusive, shall be  
14 transmitted by the board of registrars to the respective school committee not later than  
15 April 1 of each year. The list shall contain the name, residence and age or date of birth  
16 of each such person, but said names shall not be disclosed to any person other than the  
17 respective school committee or board of trustees of a county agricultural school or their

18 designated representatives. That proportion of any expenses incurred by the registrars  
19 under this section, equal to the proportion that the number of persons under 17 years of  
20 age bears to the total number of persons listed thereunder, shall be carried as an item in  
21 the school committee budget.

22 (b) In the city of Boston, the registrars, assistant registrars or boards having similar  
23 duties under any general or special law, shall annually in January or February visit or  
24 communicate with the residents of each building in said city and, after diligent inquiry,  
25 shall make true lists containing, as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date of birth,  
26 occupation, veterans status, nationality if not a citizen of the United States, and  
27 residence on January 1 of the preceding year and the current year, of each person 17  
28 years of age or older residing in said city. Said lists and the information contained  
29 therein shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that said lists shall,  
30 upon written request, be available for federal, state and local governmental use. (c)

31 In any city or town which communicates with residents by mail for the purposes of  
32 obtaining such information, the communication shall state in boldface type on the  
33 postcard, envelope and printed material contained in such communication the following  
34 statement: "Warning: Failure to respond to this mailing shall result in removal from the  
35 active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registrations rolls."  
36 Registrars, assistant registrars or boards in such cities or towns communicating with  
37 residents by mail for the purposes of obtaining such information may require a response  
38 under the penalties of perjury.

39 (d) The name and address of any person who provides the registrars with a copy of a  
40 court order granting protection, or evidence of residence in a protective shelter, or an  
41 affidavit signed by a chief of police or his designee that said person is entitled to have  
42 certain information withheld from the public under section 24C of chapter 265, shall not  
43 appear on the street list and such names shall not be disclosed to any person. The  
44 information collected under this section regarding a person's status as a veteran shall not  
45 be a public record and shall only be disclosed to the adjutant general and commissioner  
46 of veterans' services.

47 SECTION 2. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition,  
48 is hereby amended by striking out section 6 in its entirety

49 SECTION 3. Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
50 striking out section out 7 in its entirety.

51 SECTION 4. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding to the end  
52 of section 11, as so appearing, the following sentence:- Said book and the information  
53 contained therein shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that said  
54 book shall, upon written request, be available for federal, state and local governmental  
55 use.

56 SECTION 5. Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
57 47C, as so appearing, and inserting in place hereof the following:- Section 47C, Subject  
58 to appropriation, the state secretary shall maintain a central registry of voters which shall  
59 contain, if provided by the registrars, the names, addresses and effective dates of

60 registration of all registered voters in the commonwealth and which shall contain the  
61 name, date of birth, occupation, nationality, if not a citizen of the United States, for  
62 street list purposes only, and residence on January first in the preceding year and the  
63 current year, of every person in the commonwealth, and shall adopt regulations  
64 governing the operation of said central registry. All information contained in said central  
65 registry shall not be a matter of public record, provided however, that all such  
66 information shall be available to the jury commissioner; that veteran status information  
67 shall be available to the adjutant general and the commissioner of veterans' services; and  
68 that information regarding the names, addresses, political designations and effective  
69 dates of registration of registered voters shall be available to state party committees,  
70 statewide candidate committees, state ballot question committees, and any other  
71 individual, agency or entity that the state secretary shall designate by regulation  
72 consistent with the purposes of this section, at fair and reasonable cost not to exceed the  
73 cost of printing or preparing computer readable documents.